# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION
# LOK SABHA

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CONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGE OVER LOHIT CHANNEL
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**Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:**

(a) whether a proposal has been received from the Ministry of Power for construction of a bridge over Lohit Channel of river Brahmaputra between Dhola and Sadiya in Assam to facilitate execution of few mega power projects in Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether North-Eastern Council has already conducted a feasibility study on the said bridge;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Planning Commission has finalized the said project for execution during the 11th Plan in consultation with the concerned Ministries, State Government at NEC;

(f) if so, the details thereof;

(g) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(h) the time by which the project is likely to be finalized?

## Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) & (b) No proposal has been received from Ministry of Power for construction of a bridge over Lohit Channel of river Brahmaputra between Dhola and Sadiya in Assam.

(c ) & (d) On the request of the State Government, the North-Eastern Council, during the 9th Plan, had funded a feasibility study of the project for construction of bridge over river Lohit Channel. The construction of bridge was found to be feasible, and the approximate cost worked out was to the tune of Rs 216.71 crores including approach road. The report was sent to the Governments of Arunachal Pradesh and Assam for further necessary action.

(e) to (h) The Eleventh Five year Plan has not yet been finalized. It is under formulation and the proposal would be considered subject to prioritization among competing demands and the availability of resources.